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City of Austin  
Mayor  
Council Members  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701



Dear Mayor and City Council,

It just amazes us how fast our sleepy little city is growing. Slaughter Lane, our little two-lane asphalt country road, is now a major arterial connection between east and west Austin.

Many of our home and property owners are long time owners that average 20 years or more. These owners and business are now faced with growing pains and a changing landscape that is a mixed use of properties. This growth has spawned the rezoning of many properties in the Slaughter Lane Neighborhood Association. Many of these properties have been legal existing non-conforming commercial use properties for years and the owners have decided to go through the zoning process to clarify the use. We support these changes.

We support these rezonings for many reasons.

Define existing use in our neighborhoods.  
Control planned use in our neighborhoods.  
Plan growth and development in our neighborhoods.  
Allow owners to continue existing use.

We support the rezoning of the property at 9609 Swanson Ranch Road, rezoning case C14-2008-0052-TJG.

This property has been in non-conforming use since before incorporation into the city limits. The low impact use is a "best use" scenario on this mixed use street that includes small and large business with some residential. We strongly support the Zoning & Platting Commission's recommendations which is a win / win compromise for all parties involved with this request.

Slaughter Lane Neighborhood Association is carefully planning our growth and each property is considered individually. Thank you for support in this most important time for our neighborhoods.

Regards,

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